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TO: DIR

INFO: SFRAN

CITE: [ ]

RE: BONN CABLE TO DEPT 3910 \*

1. [ ] HAS RECENTLY TALKED WITH [ ] AND [ ]

[ ] ABOUT NAUMANN, <sup>Werner</sup> LEADER OF THE GROUP RECENTLY ARRESTED BY THE BRITISH IN THEIR ZONE IN GERMANY, AND WHO IS KNOWN TO BOTH OF THEM.

2. IN VIEW OF THE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED EXPLANATIONS FURNISHED BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE TO HBFINCH LONDON (SEE HBFINCH SECRET TELEGRAM TO WASH 3887 OF JAN 15) CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE BRITISH ACTION AND THE COLD GERMAN REACTION, THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS BY [ ] MAY BE OF INTEREST TO HQS:

A. NAUMANN IS NOT A MEMBER OF OR SYMPATHETIC WITH "NEO-NAZIS". HE IS HOSTILE TO THE STATEMENTS OF THE GERMAN GENERALS AND PARTICULARLY GENERAL RAMCKE.

B. HE IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC.

C. HIS POLITICAL ORIENTATION IS RATHER TO THE LEFT AND HE IS STRONG ADVOCATE OF SUPPORT OF THE BONN GOVT WITH WHICH HE ENJOYS

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CLOSE AND OPEN RELATIONS.

D. HE IS NOT ANTI-WESTERN BUT ANTI-COMMUNIST.

E. HE HAS OPENLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNED ANY NEO-NAZI

LINKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND HAS GONE ON RECORD AS BEING IN FAVOR OF WESTERN POLICIES IN COOPERATION WITH THE U S.

F. HE IS PRO-FRENCH AND IS CRITICAL OF BRITISH POLICY WITH REGARD TO EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND UNITY.

3. [ ] SPECULATES AS FOLLOWS ON THE REASON BEHIND BRITISH ACTION:

A. HE IS CONSIDERED BY THE BRITISH TO BE TOO OUT - SPOKENLY ANTI-SOVIET AND TOO MUCH INCLINED TOWARD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, THEREBY UNDERMINING BRITISH INFLUENCE WITH REGARD TO GERMANY.

B. THE BRITISH DESIRE TO INFLUENCE FRENCH OPINION AGAINST THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY BY PLAYING UP THE PROSPECT OF THE NAZI MENACE. THIS LINE PARTICULARLY FAVORED BY FOREIGN OFFICE GROUP WHOSE LEADERS VANSITTART, DUFF COOPER AND KIRKPATRICK, THUS, TIMING AND MANNER IN WHICH BRITISH COUP CARRIED OUT DURING ABSENCE CHURCHILL SIGNIFICANT.

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C. BRITISH ACTION MERELY ASPECT "BALANCE OF POWER" POLICY EVEN THOUGH ULTIMATE BENEFICIARY CAN ONLY BE SOVIET UNION.

4. [ ] OBSERVES THAT BRITISH CASE INDEFENSIBLE ON GROUNDY'S SECURITY, SINCE BY THEIR OWN ADMISSION NO CONSPIRACY OR PLOT TO SEIZE POWER EXISTS. BRITISH KNOW THIS BUT COUNT ON LASTING POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT REMAINING LONG AFTER LACK EVIDENCE JUSTIFICATION THEIR ACTION REVEALED.

5. [ ] INFORMED [ ] THAT IN HIS OPINION ABOVE INTERPRETATION CLOSE TO TRUTH AND THAT REPORT TO THIS EFFECT IN HANDS FRENCH GOVT AND PRESIDENT REPUBLIC. WE OF COURSE IN NO POSITION PASS ON ACCURACY OR VALUE THIS ANALYSIS.

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